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In re Application of:)
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For Thin-Film Magnetic Head With)
Electrostatic Damage Protection And)
Magnetic Recording And Playback)
Apparatus)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references A1-A2 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 9-44820 discloses a magnetoresistive magnetic head that is less prone to damage by electrostatic discharge.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	6,046,890	04/2000	Yamada et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO
	A2	09-044820	02/1997	Japan		X	

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